

Delaware Human Trafficking Interagency Coordinating Council
Juvenile Committee

November 28, 2018
10 am to 12 pm
Delaware Youth and Family Campus
Wilmington DE

Agenda

- Convening and introductions
- Won't you be my co-chair? Discussion around a volunteer to assist with responsibilities of the committee.
- Review of goals from the annual report submission
 - Review of the Juvenile Trafficking screen
- Next meeting
- Public Comment
- Adjourn

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Members

Trenee Parker, Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families, Director,
Division of Family Services- Chair

Barbara Allsopp, Dover Aglow International

Lauren Arnold, Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families

Abigail Layton, Department of Justice

Lisa Minutola, Office of Defense Services

Rachael Neff, Family Court

Meredith Seitz, Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families

Diana Suchodolski, Meet Me at the Well Foundation

Colleen Woodall, Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families

Michele Yingling, Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families

Legislative charge: No specific legislative language.

Goals

Short term:

1. Expand membership on the Juvenile Committee to include law enforcement, Department of Education, Office of the Child Advocate and other agencies.
2. Discuss use of the human trafficking checklist that is included in the Best Practices MOU (https://www.courts.delaware.gov/childadvocate/cpac/cpac_reports.aspx) with all suspected victims of trafficking that are involved with the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families (DSCYF).
3. Provide training on the human trafficking checklist to DSCYF staff.
4. Coordinate with the HTICC Training Committee to provide training at the Trafficking Symposium on how to best interview youth victims.
5. Work on developing an awareness program for at-risk youth served in facilities within DSCYF. The Committee will look at existing resources to see if an appropriate program currently exists.
6. Strengthen training and increase opportunities for foster parents to receive training on identifying youth victims of trafficking.

Long term:

1. Determine the appropriateness of other systems (i.e. Department of Education, health care providers) using the Best Practices MOU checklist.
2. Make training available to other systems on identifying signs of trafficking in juveniles.
3. Explore ways to expand the service array for in-state services for victims. This will include a search of best practices for trauma-informed services for post-residential treatment.
4. Change the language around how victims are described (i.e. refer to victims as being "exploited" and not "trafficked").

GENERAL YOUTH INDICATORS – SEX & LABOR TRAFFICKING

- ☐ Recent and/or ongoing history of homelessness
- ☐ Multiple runaway attempts
- ☐ Not in control of their identification
- ☐ Not in control of money earned, owes a debt or has intense sense of financial responsibility toward family or intimate partner
- ☐ Lack of support system or supportive relationships
- ☐ Unexplained travel, purchases or access to money
- ☐ Inconsistencies in story
- ☐ Appears to be monitored, fearful, anxious
- ☐ Atypical appearance: clothing, hair, nails, jewelry

HEALTH INDICATORS – SEX TRAFFICKING

- ☐ High number of intimate partners reported for age
- ☐ Multiple terminated pregnancies
- ☐ Sexually transmitted infections/diseases
- ☐ Substance abuse
- ☐ Exhaustion and/or malnourishment
- ☐ Physical or sexual abuse
- ☐ Branding – tattoo (name, symbol) & reluctance to explain tattoo
- ☐ History of abuse or neglect
- ☐ Mental health issues such as depression, PTSD, withdraw, suicidal or self-harming tendencies, memory loss
- ☐ Physical signs of unhealthy living conditions (skin rash, poor hygiene including dental)

RELATIONSHIP INDICATORS – SEX TRAFFICKING

- ☐ Controlling intimate partner, friend or relative
- ☐ Older intimate partner
- ☐ Resides with non-relative
- ☐ Has relative or friend involved in commercial sex
- ☐ Females may struggle to maintain relationships with other females

BEHAVIORAL INDICATORS – SEX TRAFFICKING

- ☐ Multiple, prolonged runaway attempts (3+ or gone for more than 20 days)
- ☐ High levels of or increased truancy and/or curfew violations
- ☐ Poor school performance or behavior
- ☐ School performance is significantly under grade level
- ☐ Frequents websites known for sale of commercial sex (Backpage, Craigslist, Mocospace, Eros, Myscarletbook, etc.)
- ☐ Uses language of the commercial sex industry (“the life”):
 - Daddy (to describe partner)
 - Bottom (to describe female who has more control over others)
 - Family/Folks (to describe others in the life)
 - Renegade (selling sex without a controller)
 - Choosing up (going to another controller)

For full list of terms, please see: <http://sharedhope.org/the-problem/trafficking-terms/>
- ☐ History of criminal charges related to prostitution or other charges that may occur while being trafficked (thefts, drugs, assault)

ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS – SEX TRAFFICKING

- ☐ Found in an area known for illegal commercial sex
- ☐ Found with men (often older males)
- ☐ Found with large amount of cash on their person
- ☐ Resides in or is found near hotels
- ☐ Sexually explicit social networking profiles

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Stays with individuals who require payment for housing them (could be sexual favors, drugs or money) |
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LABOR TRAFFICKING INDICATORS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Recruited with false promises of work conditions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Works long hours with few or no breaks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pay is inconsistent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some or all of pay goes towards debt or housing, food, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some or all of pay is given to someone else |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unexplained signs of injury or illness, possibly untreated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shows anxiety in maintaining job for duty to family, intimate partner or to pay a debt to employer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Desperation to make a sale (magazines, beauty products, etc.) or for money while begging |